



**Bluffton University
Church Matching Scholarship
Program**

2023-2024 Academic Year Participation Form

Bluffton University will match dollar for dollar the first \$1,000 provided by any Christian church congregation. Beyond that amount, Bluffton will match \$1 for every \$4 from the congregation, up to full tuition. The congregation must provide a minimum award of \$100 before the university will contribute matching funds. The university will match contributions regardless of financial need. Federal regulations prescribe rules for packaging aid. When church matching funds are submitted after initial aid has been sent to the student, the financial aid office may be required to revise a student's financial aid offer.

NOTE: This paper form can be completed and submitted via regular mail or fax. An online form is also available at: <https://www.bluffton.edu/church-scholarship>

Name of congregation City State

makes known its intent to participate in Bluffton University's Church Matching Scholarship program. In signing below, the congregation acknowledges:

1. that the scholarship program has been formally approved by the church;
2. that the program meets Internal Revenue Service guidelines for charitable contributions. According to the IRS, gifts qualify for a charitable contribution if they are "made to a qualified organization and not set aside for use by a specific person." Parents who contribute to this program through the church and direct their gift to their child's scholarship will not meet the requirements for a charitable contribution.
3. that the church will submit annually to Bluffton by **December 1*** a list of students supported by the church and the amount of funds awarded to each student.

Name of pastor

Address of Church

City, State, Zip

Church phone number FAX Church e-mail address

Today's date

Academic year 2023-2024

Name of congregation

Signature of person completing the form

Print name

Phone:

email:

Phone number of person completing form

and e-mail address

Please list the name of each student and his/her anticipated award for the academic year and return by **December 1, 2022***. It is understood that the amount(s) may change. When actual awards are finalized, the financial aid office should be notified by July 1, 2023, and if applicable, an amended form submitted. Please note that if any *unanticipated* funds are received after August 1, 2023, the monies will not be matched by the university. We ask that contributions be sent in two equal payments, by Aug. 15, 2023, for fall semester, and by Dec. 15, 2023, for spring semester.

Name(s) of returning student(s)

Anticipated award

Name(s) of new student(s)

Anticipated award

*Please return this form by December 1, 2022 to: Bluffton University
Financial Aid Office, Box 48
1 University Drive
Bluffton, OH 45817
Fax: 419.358.3073

***If more time is needed to complete this process, please contact us at finaid@bluffton.edu with your anticipated date to complete and submit the form.**

Questions?

Call: 419.358.3266 or 800.488.3257, option 3
E-mail: finaid@bluffton.edu